

But I believe, on Jesus team! ... If so, for you ↘

② IF YOU ABIDE IN MY WORD, YOU ARE TRULY MY DISCIPLES, AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

1. Abiding, remaining, persevering in Jesus' Word is the way we come to know the truth and are set free ▶ Stunning!
Epistemology

Test ... Accepting Jesus' Words completely/unreservedly

2. Us/World/You = We are born slaves of sin, sons + daughters of the devil!

Shocking... Dark, don't give up, consider ↘

☑ Protest! We are free, slaves to no one, stand free before our Θ , sons of Abraham, "We have one Father - even Θ " 8:41

☑ Jesus Answer: (1) If you practice sin you are a slave to sin Woman Caught in Adultery (8:1-11), (2) If you were Abraham's children you would rejoice in Jesus 8:39ff, 56
(3) I tell you the truth of Θ but you reject me + want to kill me

☞ Jesus' stunning claims force personal decision

"When you are born you look like your parents, when you die you look like your decisions." Brian Parks

3 Stunning claims that tell us something about (1) Jesus, (2) You/world require a decision.

① I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

☰☰ Significance of this claim seen in context
Feast of Tabernacles... Lamps

What does this tell us about Jesus? us?

1. Jesus is the TRUTH, BEAUTY, JOY, LIFE ▶ LIGHT OF Θ Fulfillment of Feast

☑ On what authority? 8:13ff

☑ Jesus = I do bear witness about myself b/c from above/Heaven, ie. outside "human system" witnesses, Father my witness

2. Us/World ▶ You = born into darkness, world is in darkness, even the best of world (Jewish religion) leaves you in darkness
People of the Lie

☞ → Stunning claim! Jesus is liar, Lunatic, LORD

→ See Jesus forces a decision, is he demon possessed or telling truth of Θ ? 8:49ff

Jesus' not done, he doubles down + forces the issue!

③ I AM

1. Jesus use Name of Θ , **I AM** = I am the Presence of Holy, Sovereign, eternal God, **Yahweh** among you
2. Us/World/You = You must worship, orient your whole life to Jesus, obey Him, trust Him, follow Him, His Words are life 8:52; indeed He is the eternal Fountain of Life!
Billy Graham's Words

Your Decision Jesus has forced you to make one

1. It is yours. Not grandparents, mom + dad, cultures ► Yours? What will you do w. this man?
2. You can't be intellectually honest + treat Jesus like a great man, holy religious leader, you must either wholeheartedly follow or personally reject **C.S. Lewis... Jewish leaders are honest**
3. Jesus won't force you to embrace him, but He will leave you to the consequences of your decision **Parks Stone in hand**
4. God has already made a decision about you ^{in sending} Jesus **John 3:16**